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SUBJECT: ICAO - NORTH PACIFIC FIR BOUNDARIES AND ROUTE A-1

REF: STATE 125187, TOKYO 8784 AND MOSCOW 10336

FOR US REP ICAO

1. EMB REQUESTED INVESTIGATE AND REPORT TO DEPT ITS FINDINGS RE FOLLOWING ITEM WHICH APPEARS IN TODAY'S "AVIATION DAILY": QUOTE SOVIETS WILL AGREE TO ANCHORAGE/TOKYO GREAT CIRCLE ROUTE - JAPANESE SAY SOVIET UNION WILL AGREE TO OPEN A NEW ANCHORAGE/TOKYO GREAT CIRCLE ROUTE OVER THAT COUNTRY BEGINNING IN SPRING 1976, ACCORDING TO JAPANESE TRANSPORTATION MINISTRY OFFICIALS. THE NEW ROUTE AGREEMENT, WHICH WILL ALLOW US/ASIA FLIGHTS OVER SAKHALIN AND KAMCHATKA WILL BE FINALIZED AT A JOINT MEETING OF THE USSR, THE US AND JAPAN IN THE NEAR FUTURE. USSR WAS ORIGINALLY ASKED TO OPEN A ROUTE ACROSS THE SEA OF OKHOTSK AND THE BERING SEA AT LAST SEPTEMBER'S ICAO MEETING IN HAWAII. THE SOVIETS REJECTED THAT REQUEST BECAUSE A SUBMARINE BASE WAS

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ON THE ROUTE. THEY SAID, HOWEVER, THAT THEY WOULD DISCUSS

FLYING OVER RIGHTS FOR SAKHALIN AND KAMCHATKA. THE US
URGED THE SOVIET UNION TO OPEN THE ALTERNATE ROUTE DURING
RECENT DISCUSSIONS IN TOKYO. THE CURRENT GREAT CIRCLE
ROUTE RUNS FROM TOKYO TO ANCHORAGE VIA MUTUSHIMA, JAPAN,
KURIL ISLANDS AND THE ALEUTIAN ISLANDS. NORTHBOUND FLIGHTS

ON THE CURRENT ROUTE ARE AIDED BY STRONG TAIL WINDS
BUT SOUTHBOUND ANCHORAGE/TOKYO FLIGHTS INCUR HEAD WINDS
WHICH ADD 1 AND 1/2 HOURS TO THE TIME REQUIRED FOR THE
3500 MILE FLIGHT. A NEW SOUTHBOUND ROUTE BY SOVIET
TERRITORY WOULD CUT FLIGHT TIME AND RELIEVE CONGES-
TION ON THE PRESENT ROUTE. UNQUOTE

2. "AVIATION DAILY" STATES INFO CAME FROM ITS JAPANESE
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